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**Town Reports,
HILL, N. H.**

1909.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, CLERK,

SCHOOL DISTRICT,

ROAD AGENT, AND OTHER OFFICERS,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF HILL, N. H.,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1909.

HILL, N. H.:
PRINTED BY R. E. LANE.
1909.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator,
JEAN M. SHAW.

Selectmen,
*WILLIAM C. KELLEY, JOSEPH W. FAVOR.
JAMES E. NEWTON.
†FRED A. FOWLER.

Town Clerk,
GEORGE W. DIMOND.

Treasurer,
EUGENE C. SMITH.

Collector,
VERNON S. STRAW.

Road Agent,
IRA LEE.

Auditor,
ELLON S. LITTLE.

Supervisors,
FRANK E. FOSS, HARRIE M. DICKERSON,
ROBERT M. BRIGGS.

School Board,
EDWARD H. CATLIN, ANGELO H. FOWLER,
ALFRED A. BARTLETT.

Library Trustees,
EDWARD H. CATLIN, ROSCOE E. LANE,
ANGELO H. FOWLER.

Librarian,
ELSIE M. WOLFENDALE.

Board of Health,
JEAN M. SHAW, ALFRED A. BARTLETT,
VERNON S. STRAW.

Constables,
ALSON F. FOSTER, ERNEST D. TITUS.

Truant Officer,
FRANK E. FOSS.

Representative to the General Court,
HENRY C. BARTLETT.

*Appointed. †Resigned.

Report of Selectmen and Treasurer.

Valuation of the town as by invoice, April 1, 1908:

188 polls,	\$18,800 00
Improved and unimproved lands, buildings,	188,303 00
165 horses,	11,435 00
2 mules,	250 00
12 oxen,	605 00
183 cows,	4,069 00
40 other neat stock,	731 00
163 sheep,	630 00
1 hog,	12 00
100 fowls,	50 00
Carriages and automobiles,	350 00
2 Portable mills,	2,000 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,	11,525 00
Stock in trade including lumber,	40,460 00
Mills and their machinery,	5,300 00
Buildings not designated,	50 00
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	\$284,570 00
Special invoice non-resident real estate,	800 00
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	\$285,370 00

ASSESSMENTS IN 1908.

State, county, town, school, highway, library, \$5,707 40
 Rate by vote of town for all purposes, \$2 on \$100.
 Am't committed to Vernon S. Straw, collector, \$5,707 40

CASH RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

Eugene C. Smith, treasurer, 1907,	\$56 18
H. C. Bartlett, note given,	700 00
V. S. Straw, collector, 1907,	658 14
“ “ 1908,	5,707 40
Interest on taxes not paid before Dec. 1,	5 88
Railroad tax,	263 59
Savings bank tax,	699 73
Literary fund,	70 56
Proportion of school fund,	326 31
High school tuition,	75 64
Merrimack County, relief of poor,	52 94
Geo. W. Dimond, dog licenses,	118 65
A. F. Foster, public weigher,	29 30
A. W. Dean, state engineer,	222 82
From books,	1 68
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	\$8,988 82

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

PAID—

Fred A. Emery, watching Addison fire,	\$3 00
Eugene Cheney, “ “	3 00
“ keeping tramps,	50
R. L. Wilson, team to Center and keeping tramps,	41 00
“ team and 3 men to Addison fire,	2 00
R. E. Lane, printing town reports,°	18 50
“ check-list, blanks, and blank books,	16 97
C. H. Peaslee, land damage,	10 00
A. F. Roberts, damage to sheep by dogs,	5 00
O. G. Colby, “ “	2 50
Geo. W. Dimond, stationery, postage,	
and recording births,	4 00
H. M. Dickerson, land damage,	5 00

Geo. W. Dearborn, use of water tub,	2 50
H. L. Addison, " "	2 50
O. F. Ackerman, keeping tramps,	3 00
W. C. Kelley, 5 trips to Concord, postage and stationery,	10 05
A. F. Foster, police badge and handcuffs,	4 25
J. E. Newton, board of town officers,	5 00
Dr. F. A. Fowler, reporting births and deaths,	4 75
Streeter & Hollis, legal services rendered,	60 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

PAID—

Elsie M. Wolfendale, services as librarian, 1907,	\$7 00
" " " 1908,	25 00
Dr. F. A. Fowler, 5 trips to Concord,	7 50
" " as selectman,	30 00
Geo. W. Dimond, services as town and school clerk,	27 50
J. H. Chaffee, " supervisor, 1907-8,	10 00
J. M. Shaw, " supervisor,	6 00
F. E. Foss, " "	6 00
E. C. Smith, " town and school treasurer,	35 00
W. C. Kelley, " selectman,	45 00
J. E. Newton, " "	40 00
J. W. Favor, " "	30 00
E. H. Catlin, " member of school board,	20 00
A. H. Fowler, " " "	5 00
A. A. Bartlett, " " "	6 00
A. F. Foster, " public weigher,	14 65
F. E. Foss, " truant officer,	3 00
V. S. Straw, " collector,	50 00
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COUNTY POOR.

PAID—	
Mrs. Mamie Swan, care of Clarence Fisk,	\$10 00
E. S. Little, goods for	8 72
O. J. Calley, “	18 02
A. M. Kelley, beef for	1 20
Channing Bishop, medical aid for	15 00
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	\$52 94

TOWN POOR.

PAID—	
Geo. H. Bucklin, board of O. L. Sabin,	\$121 50

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

PAID—	
Ira Lee, road agent,	\$1,221 95
W. H. Straw, lighting streets,	168 00
A. P. Wadleigh, labor on road,	10 00
E. S. Little, supplies for street lamps,	19 62
F. G. Lane, ½ expenses lighting Hill bridge,	17 00
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	\$1,436 57

SCHOOLS.

PAID—	
Amount required by law,	\$832 50
Amount raised by town,	793 00
State proportion school fund,	326 31
State literary fund,	70 56
Balance last year's dog licenses,	113 40
For privy at Center school-house,	30 00
Books and supplies,	138 90
Briggs lot,	500 00
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	\$2,804 67

LIBRARY.

PAID—	
E. H. Catlin, for library,	\$75 00

HIGH SCHOOLS.

PAID—	
For high school tuitions,	\$261 66

MEMORIAL DAY.

PAID—	
Geo. W. Dimond, for memorial,	\$25 00

TAXES PAID.

PAID—	
P. C. Clough, county tax,	\$707 15
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	555 00
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	\$1,262 15

BOARD OF HEALTH.

PAID—	
J. M. Shaw, for board of health,	\$11 97

ABATEMENTS.

V. S. Straw, for taxes assessed 1907,	\$7 76
“ “ excess,	49 00
“ 1908 “	116 00
“ 1908,	36 94
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	\$209 70

STATE HIGHWAY.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT OF THE HIGHWAY.

Town contribution,	\$394 50	
State “	236 40	
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Total joint fund,		\$630 90
 Town disbursements,	 \$603 54	
State “	5 32	
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Total disbursements,		\$608 86
 Received from state,	 \$222 82	
 Balance in town treasury,	 \$13 78	
“ state “	8 26	
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Total unexpended balance,		\$22 04

Received from the joint fund,	\$603 54
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PAID—

A. S. Heath, labor,	\$16 20
B. Neal, “	27 00
G. H. Sargent, “	27 00
E. D. Titus, “	24 00
John Straw, “	27 00
Wm. M. Basset, “	25 50
A. P. Wadleigh, “	7 50
Nathan Hilliard, “	18 00
O. F. Ackerman, “	19 00
Fred Mead, “	11 85

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J. E. Newton, labor with team,	71 60
Harry Addison, “	72 00
Ira Lee, “	76 00
V. S. Straw, “	43 50
Charles Flagg, “	13 75
F. G. Ferrin, “	21 00
B. B. Blodgett, gravel,	45 00
J. E. Newton, clay,	15 00
“ powder,	15 09
G. M. Collins, labor,	9 00
R. L. Wilson, labor with team,	6 40
John Chase, labor,	5 40
Geo. Doe, “	6 75

\$603 54

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SUMMARY.

Receipts,		\$8,988 82
PAID—		
Miscellaneous expenses,	\$203 52	
Town officers,	367 65	
County poor,	52 94	
Town poor,	121 50	
Roads and bridges,	1,436 57	
Schools,	2,804 67	
Library,	75 00	
High schools,	261 66	
Memorial,	25 00	
Taxes paid,	1,262 15	
Board of health,	11 97	
Abatements,	209 70	
State highway,	603 54	
Due from V. S. Straw, collector,	683 50	
Cash on hand,	869 45	
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		\$8,988 82

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

FEBRUARY 15, 1909.

LIABILITIES.

E. W. Ferrin, note and interest,	\$762 23
H. C. Bartlett, note and interest,	719 64
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	\$1,481 87

ASSETS.

Road machine,	\$230 00	
Hay scales,	140 00	
2 road rollers,	130 00	
Stone lifter and tools,	30 00	
Due from collector,	683 50	
Cash on hand,	869 45	
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Balance of assets over liabilities,		\$601 08
Balance of assets over liabilities last year,		657 40
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Decrease of balance,		\$56 32

DOG LICENSES.

Cash received for dog licenses,	\$118 65
Cash paid for damages by dogs,	7 50
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Cash balance,	\$111 15

WILLIAM C. KELLEY, }
 JOSEPH W. FAVOR, } SELECTMEN OF HILL.
 JAMES E. NEWTON, }
 EUGENE C. SMITH, TREASURER.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. S. LITTLE, AUDITOR.

Road Agent's Report.

Received from treasurer by orders of selectmen, \$1,221 95.

PAID—

G. H. Sargent, labor,	\$7 00
E. D. Titus, “	1 75
Henry Southworth,“	1 75
Judkins & Wallace, thawing pipes,	12 28
F. G. Ferrin, labor with team,	17 00
Henry Southworth, labor,	1 75
Fred Mead, “	16 45
G. F. Brown, “	10 50
E. D. Titus, “	42 00
Geo. M. Collins, “	15 22
F. Atkinson, “	7 00
Henry Southworth, “	1 75
H. Ballou, “	7 00
Eben Dodge, labor and team,	54 00
J. E. Newton, “	40 00
A. M. Simonds, labor,	7 00
Frank Minor, “	12 25
C. N. Stevens, “	8 92
M. P. Gilbert, “	1 75
A. E. Wilmot, “	10 50
Frank Minor, “	12 00
S. Harding, labor with team,	4 00
E. D. Titus, labor,	35 35
A. S. Heath, “	9 62
Frank Cate, “	5 25
P. E. Woodmand, labor,	1 57
A. E. Ives, labor with team,	5 25
M. L. Hersey, labor,	15 50
G. H. Hill, “	1 13
F Minor, “	4 97

G. H. Sargent, labor,	1 75
N. Hilliard, “	2 25
Henry Southworth, “	6 75
G. T. Stevens, “	1 75
A. E. Ives, “	4 00
J. T. Lord, housing road machine,	2 00
H. L. Addison, labor with team,	8 00
G. K. Brown, labor,	13 47
“ labor in 1907,	9 50
G. H. Sargent, labor,	12 00
F. G. Ferrin, for rope,	4 00
E. J. Cheney, labor,	12 66
E. E. Stevens, “	9 15
Perley Bucklin, labor and material,	7 56
Frank Cate, labor,	3 00
H. C. Bartlett, labor and team,	10 00
J. E. Newton, labor, team, chain,	68 61
Eugene Cawley, labor, team,	11 30
S. A. Tyrrell, lumber for bridge,	43 97
C. N. Noyes, labor, team,	3 00
J. Kenney, labor,	8 45
E. H. Carleton, breaking and repairing,	18 50
F. H. Quimby, labor,	1 50
H. M. Dickerson, “	67
M. L. Hersey, “	15 75
J. H. Quimby, labor, team,	50
C. C. Wilson, labor,	11 62
J. W. Bartlett, “	1 00
G. W. Keniston, labor and team,	32 67
A. E. Ives, “	9 28
H. C. Bartlett, labor and breaking,	3 50
“ “	2 00
E. G. Dodge, labor and team,	38 50
J. E. Newton, labor and breaking,	25 40
F. W. Foster, bridge plank, spikes,	27 06
“ 4 spades,	3 00

A. F. Roberts, labor, board and hay,	4 10
O. J. Calley, A. P. Wadleigh order,	5 00
" as per bill,	3 20
Ira Lee, labor, team,	310 52
Frank Rowell, sawing lumber,	7 25
A. A. Bartlett, labor,	60
V. S. Straw, clearing side-walks, snowing bridge,	20 50
P. B. Dickerson, labor,	4 00
H. S. Pearson, "	2 70
G. W. Dearborn, "	1 20
A. S. Bucklin, bridge plank,	1 92
H. B. Severance, labor and team,	5 75
H. I. Addison, "	18 00
Ira Lee, cash paid out,	32 58
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	\$1,221 95

IRA LEE, ROAD AGENT.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. S. LITTLE, AUDITOR.

Vital Statistics.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HILL, N. H.: In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths, to the municipal officers for publication in the annual report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HILL, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	No. Child Ist, 2d, etc.	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
Mar. 25	Lyle Melvyn Bucklin	M	L	1	W	Albert L. Bucklin	Eva A. Keniston	Hill	Farmer	Grafton	Franklin	22	25
May 4	Doris Beatrice Clayton	F	L	1	W	Fred L. Clayton	Bessie M. Buzzell	Hill	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Hampstead	23	19
May 9	Margaret Emma Evans	F	L	8	W	Benj. F. Evans	Nellie M. Rogers	Alexandria	"	Meredith	Lynn, Mass.	39	33
May 14	Harriet Pauline Colby	F	L	1	W	Roy F. Colby	Agnes D. Jaclard	Hill	"	Hill	Moultonboro'	22	24
June 5	Donald Colby Jones	M	L	1	W	Colin S. Jones	Camilla U. Colby	"	Needle Maker	Waterside, N. B.	Hill	20	18
June 7	Alfred Herbert Harding	M	L	2	W	Sylvanus Y. Harding	Allice M. Covey	"	Laborer	W. Dummerston, Vt.	S. Vernon, Vt.	27	21
July 10	Arnold Clark Blake	M	L	2	W	Clyde A. Blake	Lulu M. Clark	"	Real Est. Agt.	Hill	Chateaugay, N. Y.	31	30
Aug. 9	Floyd Arthur Rounds	M	L	5	W	Benjamin Rounds	Dora Boyd	"	Needle Maker	Winchester, Mass.	Wentworth	38	36
Aug. 21	Infant Wells	M	S	9	W	Charles E. Wells	Pauline Ash	"	"	Goffstown	"	43	40
Sept. 20	Robert Briggs Worden	M	L	4	W	George P. Worden	Lena V. Briggs	"	"	St. Johns, N. B.	Hill	37	29
Sept. 22	Emanuel Champagne	M	L	4	W	Philip Champagne	Mary Champagne	"	Laborer	Canada	Manchester	33	28
Dec. 4	Ruth I. Batchelder	F	L	2	W	Chas. B. Batchelder	Blossom M. Phelps	"	Farmer	Grafton	Hill	29	24

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HILL, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of Groom	Age of Bride	Occupation of each	Place of Birth of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation of Parents	Marital Status of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married
Jan. 14	Hill	Hiram T. Hildreth	Epsom	20	20	Laborer	Pittsfield	Wm. L. Hildreth Martha Robinson	Epsom	Deceased	1	M. P. Favor, Clergyman, Hill
		Cora E. Davis	Pittsfield	17	17	House Work	"	John Davis Marion Rogers	Pittsfield	Housewife	1	
Mar. 3	"	Henry Becker	Hill	14	14	Laborer	Delmanhort, Ger.	Herman Becker Annie Berger	Delmanhort, Ger.	Farmer	1	James McKenzie, Clergyman, Hill
		Florence Welcome	"	31	31	House Work	Hill	Philip H. Welcome Elizabeth Marston	St. Pierre, P.Q.	"	1	
25	"	Albert P. Bucklin	"	23	23	Laborer	Grafton	Perley Bucklin Nellie Rollins	Danbury	"	1	John W. Horner, Justice of the Peace, Hill
		Eva A. Keniston	"	25	25	At Home	Franklin	Geo. W. Keniston Mira Colby	Grafton	"	1	
July 4	Plymouth	Oscar E. Wadleigh	"	21	21	Carpenter	Hill	Albert P. Wadleigh Ida M. Blodgett	Sanbornum	Laborer	1	E. C. E. Dorion, Clergyman, Plymouth
		Catherine E. Day	Plymouth	21	21	House Work	Corinth, Vt.	Jasper G. Day Alfreda Simpson	Hill	Carpenter	1	
Sept. 23	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jean M. Shaw	Hill	36	36	Needle Maker	Ft. Edward, N. Y.	Napoleon H. Shaw	Orange, Vt.	Piano Dealer	2	Hugh P. Hughes, Clergyman, Woonsocket, R. I.
		Mary J. Wallace	Woonsocket, R. I.	25	25	Milliner	Coaticook, Que.	John Wallace Janet Tough	Sanbornum	Engineer	1	
Oct. 13	Andover	Truman G. Covey	Hill	24	24	Grocery Clerk	Newfauc, Vt.	John H. Covey Benjamin G. Hersey	Scotland	Farmer	1	Kalza E. Andrew, Clergyman, Andover
		Mary Emily Hersey	Andover	19	19	At Home	Andover	Ida L. Persons Mary M. Eastman	Orange, Pittsfield, Ms.	"	1	
31	Hill	Charles F. Cate	Hill	38	38	Teamster	Lynn, Mass.	Harry Cate Jennie Hassett	Andover	Engineer	1	Edson J. Moore, Clergyman, Hill
		Myrtie W. Follansbee	"	27	27	At Home	Hill	Lucian A. Follansbee Elvira W. Currier	Nova Scotia	Farmer	1	
Dec. 9	"	Edward C. Payne	"	51	51	Mechanic	Livonia, N. Y.	Chauncey E. Payne Mary E. Fellows	Hill	Carpenter	3	James McKenzie, Clergyman, Hill
		Mary E. Stearns	"	37	37	At Home	Hill	Orlando S. Addison Artemisia Hastings	Phila. Pa.	Farmer	2	

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HILL, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908.

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age		Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Widowed	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
		Years	Months						Father	Mother			
Jan. 22	Wilbur H. Morrill	71	6 14	Hill	M	W	M	Farmer	Danville	Sanbornton	Henry Morrill	Elizabeth Hunkins	La Grippe
22	Mary J. Plummer	87	2 26	Sanbornton	F	W	M	Farmer	Andover	"	James Fuller	Sarah Hunt	pneumonia
Mar. 8	Frank Ferrin	84	1 27	Hill	M	F	M	Housekeeper	Hill	"	R. S. Hastings	Priscilla Straw	Nephritis
10	Ida I. Ballou	56	0 12	"	F	F	S	Trained Nurse	"	"	Wm. Bennett	Annie	Hypertrophics of liver
Apr. 23	Harriet B. Bennett	32	6 3	"	F	F	S	Housewife	"	"	"	"	Intestinal Adhesions
May 14	Clara Williams Payne	63	6 3	Northfield	F	F	S	Housewife	"	"	"	"	Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 31	William D. Emerson	20	8 25	Stowe, Me.	M	F	S	Laborer	Stowe, Me.	Stowe, Me.	Eliden Emerson	Annie Day	Tuberculosis
Aug. 20	Mary Ella Huse	61	9 27	Alexandria	F	W	D	Housewife	Bow	Bow	Ira Morgan	Mary Upton	Cerebral Hemorrhage
21	Mary Wells	61	9 27	Hill	F	W	M	Housewife	Bow	Bow	Ira Morgan	Mary Upton	Stillborn
Sept. 4	Jane Breed Bryant	91	0 18	Lynn, Mass.	F	W	M	Housewife	Goffstown	Lynn, Mass.	Charles Wells	Mary Ash	Fracture of Femur
5	Mary L. Stearns	77	8 12	Fairfax, Vt.	F	F	W	Housewife	Fairfax, Vt.	Sharon, Vt.	Eben Breed	Susannah Morrill	Ch. Eucephalitis
19	Willard Baker Cawley	70	3 27	Sanbornton	M	W	M	Lumber Dealer	Sanbornton	Sanbornton	Ira B. Farnsworth	Lucinda Holt	Arterio Sclerosis
Oct. 21	Abner F. Dolloff	45	3 18	Bridgewater	M	W	M	Mechanic	Sanbornton	Sanbornton	Jonathan Cawley	Olive Osgood	Tuberculosis
Nov. 26	Mary M. Parker	81	1 22	"	F	W	M	Mechanic	Sanbornton	Northfield	Albert Dolloff	Nancy Hodgdon	Cerebral Softening
Nov. 29	David G. Mowe	82	9 14	Andover	M	W	M	Farmer	Pembroke	Franklin	Alvan Fowler	Dolly Simonds	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Dec. 31	Benjamin Atkinson	69	3 22	England	M	M	M	Farmer	Pembroke	Franklin	Alvan Fowler	Dolly Simonds	Organic Heart Disease

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE W. DIMOND, TOWN CLERK.

Report of the Hill Public Library.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriated by town, March 1908,	\$75 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Oil, wicks, etc.,	\$1 17	
Rubber stamp,	35	
Books,	72 98	
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	\$74 50	
Balance on hand,	50	
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		\$75 00

EDWARD H. CATLIN, TREASURER.

EDWARD H. CATLIN, }
ROSCOE E. LANE, } LIBRARY TRUSTEES.
ANGELO H. FOWLER, }

ELSIE WOLFENDALE, LIBRARIAN.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Board, Parents and Citizens of Hill:

In reporting to the citizens of my native town the condition of its schools I have felt free to use such frankness of expression as I have nowhere else indulged. I have appreciated the opportunity afforded me to work among my life-long friends in behalf of their children, and have trusted that few would fail to understand the spirit back of my reports and of my work. Being one of you and not an outsider, I did not hesitate a year ago to depict school-house conditions as I saw them. May I not make my report at this time feeling the same assurance that you will believe that, however much I may err in judgment, I desire nothing less than the highest welfare of all the school children of Hill?

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

The work of this year was planned having in view the new building which seemed assured to us by your votes in town meeting and in district meeting. It seemed reasonable to expect to have a third teacher in the Village school with little delay. The Call school, of Franklin, was asking to be admitted, and their tuition money would help to pay the third teacher's salary. The efficiency of the grammar school, hindered by the promotion of a class in the middle of last year to relieve the primary room, seemed to demand that there be no promotions for some time.

The grammar school teacher was led to expect, when hired for another year, that no class would be promoted. The Call school it was decided to admit. A new class of beginners entered the primary room and a necessary division of one class gave this teacher five classes instead of the three of a year ago. The grammar room had more pupils than desks. And the building had not materialized.

The primary room, under a teacher hired with less strenuous conditions in view, has made progress. The difficulties contended against are realized by no one fully, except, perhaps, the Superintendent. Added to the difficulties of classification are the same conditions of the school room always complained of. As the room contains more pupils than a year ago, air conditions are worse. The lighting is no better; the furnace still smokes; the noise overhead is as great. To the headaches of preceding years has been added that heart-sickness caused by hope deferred. Conditions have been faithfully reported to you by last year's "school-house committee." The result of last year's vote makes it evident that if *the parents of school children* want a new building this year *they can have it*. You and I have expressed our preferences as to the site of the school building. That question, however, is for the present closed. As one who "fought" on the losing side, I urge you, parents, to face the only issue that remains: During the coming four years, shall *your children* have good light on their books, good air in their lungs, an evenly heated room, and a place to play? Somebody else's children will have these blessings sometime; shall *yours* enjoy them now? The School Board offers you an opportunity to vote on that question at the coming district meeting.

The grammar school, while its surroundings are most unattractive and its diminutive playground makes friction with the neighbors almost unavoidable, has nevertheless seized what opportunity it has had to become an object lesson of what a school should be. Miss Butler found the school somewhat demoralized by frequent changes of teachers. She came to the work here well fitted by experience and training, has bent all her energies toward the school's success, and *has remained five terms*. To-day we have a wide-awake, progressive school.

The pupils have caught the spirit of work and are becoming self-reliant. The school need not shrink from comparison with other schools of its type. Small dictionaries have been supplied to each pupil. New primary histories and a little more reading material have been added. Grading is becoming more exact.

THE SMALL SCHOOLS.

At Center and Foster schools former teachers have been retained and have completed their ninth and eighth terms, respectively. Murray Hill has had two new teachers this year. The Center school has suffered a most unfortunate decrease in numbers during Miss Kimball's term of service there on account of removals. The daily faithfulness of a good teacher has not been able to entirely counteract the ill effects which a shrinkage from twenty-five pupils to eight naturally brings. While a visitor must feel a change of spirit, individuals are doing good work.

While Miss Demar has taught at the Foster school the number of pupils has varied from four to thirteen and now stands at five. A school of five pupils, in several classes, cannot be an entirely successful one. The teacher has aimed, however, by a variety of methods, to stimulate interest. Worthy of special mention is the work in drawing.

At Murray Hill a most welcome improvement in reading and in thinking power has been noted. With two changes of teachers so recently it is most unfortunate that we shall be unable to retain the present teacher. With an excellent attendance record at the beginning of the year, the school was closed, in the end, because of poor attendance, only three pupils being present a part of the last week. One of those three, Ivan Lund, came three miles from his home in Danbury, and is on the roll of perfect attendance.

The small schools are now completely supplied with the new geographies, arithmetics and language books, which were introduced last year wherever necessary to replace worn-out books. New physiologies have been furnished to all the schools.

THE COST OF SCHOOLS.

It is costing us more to maintain our schools than formerly. What becomes of the added appropriation? And does it pay? A study of table "B" "C" "D," contained in this report, will show that most of this increase has gone toward higher salaries to teachers. a longer school year, and more text-books.

The district is now fairly well supplied with text-books. You will note that the amount expended has been reduced this year. Table "B" shows the length of the school year in the several schools for a term of years. As winter weather does not so seriously affect attendance at the Village school, and as the rooms there are oppressively warm in summer, two weeks have been added this year to the length of its winter term with the expectation of making the spring term two weeks shorter than that of the country schools. The table shows that the interests of the pupil in the country school have been carefully guarded. The high cost, per pupil, of maintaining these schools has not been made an excuse for materially shortening the school year. This is as it should be. The experience this year at Murray Hill, however, and at the Center school last winter, seems to indicate that in schools where pupils come from a distance a good attendance cannot be depended on for much more than thirty weeks; and we must not fail to realize that with an attendance of sixty-six per cent the returns on our investments are about one third less than they ought to be. At the Village, on the other hand, there is no reason why attendance

should not be good, in the grammar school at least, for thirty-five or thirty-six weeks. With a better building the primary school can doubtless be conducted with profit for as many weeks as this.

Table "C" shows the increase in teachers' salaries since 1903. This has seemed necessary to keep or to secure good teachers. I trust that parents will feel that this has paid. Even the "pocket-book" argument favors this policy. Children should get the highest possible returns for the valuable time they spend in school. The places of Miss Demar, Miss Denning and Miss Huse, are now vacant. The future policy of the school board in this regard must be determined by the attitude of the voters as expressed in the next district meeting. How good schools are the citizens willing to finance?

Unusual items of expense this year are: repairs at Center; printing separate school reports; a considerable quantity of green wood bought for the coming year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The salary paid for teaching the Village primary school is too small in view of the work demanded and the price of board. An experienced teacher with normal training and abounding health is required. Such a teacher must be paid forty dollars a month at least. The results accomplished in the grammar school make it evident to me that such a teacher should be employed even if at the expense of shortening the school year.

In the event of the failure, this year, to secure a vote for a new building, the following suggestions should be considered: that all tuition pupils be refused admission; that more desks be placed in the grammar room, and the best scholars in grade IV be promoted next term; that the afternoon session in the winter, in the dark primary

room, close soon after three o'clock; that both rooms be supplied with running water and drinking fountains. As to more extensive repairs, the recommendations of the report of last year still apply.

Respectfully,

GEORGE W. SUMNER.

TABLE A.—STATISTICS, 1908-9.

Schools	Teachers	Salaries per month	Number of weeks	Average daily attendance	Average daily absence	Average membership	Per cent of attendance	Tardiness	Roll of honor	Visits of Supt.	Visits of others
Village Grammar	Margaret A. Butler	\$44	13	20	1	21	94.80	11	7	6	45
"	"	44	11	24	2	26	92.17	7	3	5	7
"	"	44	11	23	3	26	88.51	7	2	6	25
Village Primary	Helen M. Denning	32	13	22.5	1.5	24	93.67	16	6	6	29
"	"	34	11	27.7	2.3	30	91.59	15	5	4	6
"	"	34	11	24	5	29	82.17	14	2	6	23
Center	Rena E. Kimball	32	13	11.5	2.5	14	82.94	20	2	5	11
"	"	32	11	9	1	10	88.74	6	0	4	10
"	"	32	8	7	1	8	86.38	7	0	2	6
Murray Hill	Marion E. Belcher	29	10	9.5	0.5	10	96.60	13	4	5	21
"	Pearl D. Huse	29	12	10.5	1.5	12	89.34	68	0	4	12
"	"	29	8	7	3.5	10.5	66.66	42	2	3	14
Foster	Norma A. Demar	24	13	12	0.5	12.5	93.06	12	3	5	14
"	"	28	11	8	1	9	88.45	7	0	5	2
"	"	28	8	4.8	0.2	5	93.33	4	1	2	6

TABLE B.—Length of School Year, in weeks.

Schools	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
Village Grammar	30	27	27	35	33	35
Village Primary	30	27	27	35	33	35
Center	30	28	26	35	33	32
Murray Hill	32	24	26	33	33	30
Foster	30	24	25	31	33	32
Aggregate	152	130	131	169	165	164

TABLE C.—Average Monthly Salaries of Teachers.

Schools	1903-4	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7	1907-8	1908-9
Village Grammar	\$32	\$32	\$36	\$34	\$39.5	\$44
Village Primary	32	32	36	37*	33	33.5
Center	28	28	28	28	30.5	32
Murray Hill	23	23.5	25.5	24	24	29
Foster	24	24	22	22	24	26
Aggregate	\$139	\$139.5	\$147.5	\$145	\$151	\$164.5

*Extra teacher part of year.

TABLE D.—Items of Expenditure.

Year	Books and Supplies. 1	Teachers' Salaries. 2	Total for all Purposes. 3	Am't paid by State, included in 3rd. column.
1903-4	\$106.39	\$1,053.65	\$1,355.65	\$57.23
1904-5	76.00	913.25	1,244.11	178.95
1905-6	147.22	968.50	1,384.60	177.91
1906-7	188.96	1,185.00	1,676.97	206.01
1907-8	181.12	1,246.01	1,761.31	166.55
1908-9	134.60	1,360.50		171.87

The third and fourth column do not include amounts paid for high school tuition nor for supervision. In two and one half years the district has raised for the latter item \$108.33. The former is paid by the town, which receives a rebate from the state.

TABLE E.—PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

VILLAGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Spring term: Ellery Ackerman, Sumner Catlin, John Cilley, Cora Gilbert, Dana Rounds, Neil Straw, Walter Smith.

Fall term: Ellery Ackerman, John Cilley, Neil Straw.

Winter term: Ellery Ackerman, John Cilley.

VILLAGE PRIMARY.

Spring term: Beulah Bailey, Angie Blake, Muriel Blake, Charles Catlin, Nina Gilbert, George Twombly.

Fall term: Thelma Ackerman, Beulah Bailey, Ralph Flanders, Clyde Rounds, Harriet Woodman.

Winter term: Audrey Rounds, George Twombly.

CENTER.

Spring term: Leon Dearborn, Ai Quimby.

MURRAY HILL.

Spring term: Harold Dustin, Stephen Dystin, Clinton Seavey, Leslie Seavey.

Winter term: Maurice Cawley, Ivan Lund.

FOSTER.

Spring term: Inez Calley, Zaida Calley, Bernice Lakeman.

Winter term: Roger Calley.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Village Grammar School: Ellery Ackerman, John Cilley.

For SIX consecutive years, JOHN CARLETON CILLEY.

Report of the School Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from report of treasurer, 1907, 1908.	\$10 51
Apr. 17, Franklin, N. H., tuition,	17 50
July 2, Geo. A. Sumner, on salary of Sup't,	150 00
Aug. 20, Bristol, N. H., for tuition,	10 50
Oct. 16, Franklin, N. H., " "	9 10
1909.	
Feb. 9, Franklin, N. H., for tuition,	21 00
Danbury, N. H., " "	2 80
11, Town of Hill,	2,135 77
" for playground for the new school-house,	500 00
Town of Hill,	138 90
" "	30 00
	\$3,026 08

EXPENDITURES.

March.	
E. H. King, conveying school children,	\$16 00
April.	
G. W. Sumner, on salary as Sup't,	41 66
G. R. Wilson, sawing wood,	5 40
E. H. Catlin, repairs on chairs and desks, and cleaning school-house,	6 11
Houghton & Mifflin, for books,	10 71
B. H. Sanborn, " "	30
D. C. Heath & Co., " "	8 50
E. E. Babb & Co., " "	3 34
Ginn & Co., " "	21 75
G. M. Collins, 6 cords of wood,	27 00

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May.

Robert M. Briggs, land for play-ground for the new Village school-house,	500 00
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June.

G. W. Sumner, balance of salary as superinten- dent for the year of 1907-8,	150 00
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July.

Rena E. Kimball, teaching Center school, spring,	104 00
Margaret A. Butler, " Village grammar, "	143 00
Helen M. Denning, " Village primary, "	104 00
Norma Demar, " Foster school, "	78 00
Miss Belcher, " Murray Hill, "	72 50
John Cilley, janitor, Village school,	9 75
A. A. Bartlett, wood, janitor, and cleaning school-house, Murray Hill,	11 00
E. H. King, conveying school children,	10 00
H. Kenney, " "	8 00
J. H. Quimby, " "	11 25
F. H. Patten, " "	12 00
Leon Dearborn, janitor, Center school,	3 25

August.

A. A. Bartlett, building privy and patching roof, Center school,	52 21
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October.

G. W. Sumner, on salary as Sup't,	45 00
Quincy Dustin, conveying school children,	12 50
R. E. Lane, printing and supplies,	40 85

November.

G. W. Sumner, on salary as Sup't,	45 00
Margaret A. Butler, teaching Village grammar, fall,	121 00
Helen M. Denning, " Village primary, "	93 50
Rena E. Kimball, " Center school, "	88 00
Norma Demar, " Foster school, "	77 00
Pearl Huse, " Murray Hill, "	60 00
H. Kenney, conveying school children,	8 20

E. H. Catlin, postage and car fare,	2 75
“ Mrs. Hilliard, cleaning school-house,	2 00
“ blackboard, table, and lumber,	14 73
Milton, Bradley & Co., books,	3 00
Ginn & Co., “	8 00
Edward E. Babb & Co., “	18 52
Silver, Burdett & Co., “	85
Town of Alexandria, tuition of Bucklin children,	22 00
G. W. Sumner, district expenses and sundries,	5 80

December.

A. A. Bartlett, board of teacher, and janitor,	30 10
G. W. Sumner, on salary as Sup't,	45 00
Town of Bristol, tuition of Charles Wallace,	6 00
G. W. Sumner, on salary as Sup't,	45 00
A. A. Bartlett, 4 cords wood,	18 00
“ 12 lights glass,	1 44
“ 1 stovepipe knee,	25

January. 1909.

Edward E. Babb & Co., books and supplies,	25 43
Q. S. Dustin, conveying school children,	44 50
A. A. Bartlett, board of teacher,	18 00
Pearl D. Huse, teaching, Murray Hill, winter,	40 00
Rena E. Kimball, “ Center school, “	64 00
Geo. M. Collins, for wood,	36 00

February.

O. J. Calley, wood, cleaning closet, and janitor,	27 97
G. W. Sumner, on salary as Sup't,	45 00
E. H. King, conveying school children,	16 00
E. H. Catlin, miscellaneous expenses,	11 46
J. H. Quimby, conveying school children, wood, and janitor,	41 00
R. E. Lane, supplies,	22 40
Norma Demar, teaching, Foster school, winter,	56 00
Helen M. Denning, “ Village primary, “	93 50
Margaret A. Butler, “ Village grammar, “	121 00

Streeter & Hollis, legal advice in drawing up warrant,	10 00
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	\$2,896 48

Total receipts,	\$3,026 08
Total expenditures,	2,896 48
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Balance in hands of treasurer,	\$129 60

Respectfully submitted,

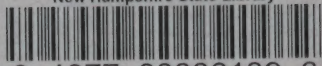
EUGENE C. SMITH, TREASURER.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly
cast and properly vouched.

E. S. LITTLE, AUDITOR.



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